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	MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
	FROM : Inspector General
25X1A	SUBJECT: 26 December 1973 Letter to Mr. Colby
25X1A	1. In the subject letter, a GS-13 staff employee with DO who retired as surplus on 31 December 1973, proposed that he be hired on a six-month contract to assist OMS in the Agency alcoholism program. The Inspector General was asked to review
25X1A	proposal and comment to the DCI. The following com-
25X1A 25X1A	ments cover points raised and views on the Agency alcoholism program. Paragraph 5 recommends what your response to Mr. might cover. A proposed letter to is attached.
25X1A	2. is a recovered alcoholic and as such, DO had enough confidence in him to send him to for his last years with the Agency. He was declared excess last spring after 25 years of Government service and scheduled for a 31 December 1973 separation. In order to qualify for CIARDS, his tour was extended
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	two months beyond his normal PCS rotation date. He resisted separation, and last summer, while still in wrote to Dr. 25X1A
25X1A	Deputy Director, OMS, and proposed that he join OMS for a period up to two years to help conduct an alcoholic rehabilitation
25X1A	program. He asked for help in having the separation 25XIA
	action withdrawn. deferred to Personnel. When 25X1A
25X1A	returned to headquarters in November he again pressed 25X1A for an assignment in OMS. met with 25X1A
edynda jij esigi sandisi sir Sanda jij esigi	times and then told him that he had no authority to offer him a job,
	that with OMS in a surplus personnel situation there was no hope that he could be employed by OMS then addressed the 25X1A
	26 December letter to you.

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25X1A 25X1A 25X1A 25X1A 25X1A	by the IG inspector on proposal. They all reject his proposal. Emphasized the slotting and budget problem. Mr. Blake views as an Alcoholics Anonymous crusader who is gunning for the job of Agency Alcohol Coordinator (now held by of the Special Activities Staff, OP). Jack feels that will 25X1A continue to press the Agency when turned down and may cause trouble. It is clear that those concerned do not want in the 25X1A alcoholics program. It is also fairly clear that primary 25X1A aim is to return to work in some capacity or other, even though there is no question of his true concern with alcoholism.
25X1A	4. The IG review of land the statements and proposal
	turned up a few points that I feel you might want to consider if
	modifications in our alcoholism program are planned in the future.
	The Office of Personnel is primarily responsible for the program,
	not the Office of Medical Services. This seems appropriate since
,	OP sets general Agency standards for what is acceptable or un- acceptable employee performance and has the responsibility for
25X1A	overall guidance of Agency personnel administration. OMS advises
	and assists OP. Yet in the Agency takes the position
	that alcoholism is recognized as a treatable illness and requires
	professional as well as sympathetic handling. It is suggested that
25X1A	these services are best rendered by our psychiatrists in OMS. However, SAS/OP, is the Agency Alcohol Coordi-
23/1/	nator and in a 10 December 1973 memorandum to you from Mr.
25X1A	it is stated that a recovering alcoholic "assists the
	Alcohol Coordinator in rehabilitating-fellow employees." In the
	same memorandum it states that I is currently involved -25X1A
	with 26 cases of alcohol abuse or alcoholism and " seventeen-
	employees have been warned that they must keep their drinking
25X1A	under lasting control or face further adverse action. " I feel that key role in the alcohol program suggests that we
25/1/	actually view alcoholism as a social stigma, not a disease; that
المسالية الأفاء عمري	our primary aim is to separate alcoholics, not cure them; and that
	OMS has for some reason deferred to OP in this area, something
	I believe they would not do if the disease were tuberculosis, heart
	disease, cancer or some other lingering and hard-to-cure illness.
	I suggest that our alcohol program and its organization may need
	some re-thinking.

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5. In responding to I recommend that you sign the attached letter which agrees with him that the Agency does indeed have problems with alcoholics as does every segment of society and the Government, but stresses that the Agency recognizes this and does have a program for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism; that the program is recognized as only a start in correcting the overall problem and will be modified and improved as we gain experience; but that continuing reductions in force during this year and for several years to come dictate that we use our present employees to attack the problem and not hire or contract for additional people to do this job.

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Donald F. Chamberlain Inspector General

Attachment
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